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TAGS: OREP(BINGHAM, JONATHAN B.) CZ

SUBJECT: CODEL BINGHAM

REF: A. PRAGUE 335

 B. STATE 31403

1. EMBASSY OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT FEBRUARY 20 OF PROPOSED VISIT BY REP. BINGHAM ON APRIL 3-4, 1975, AND WE RECEIVED IMMEDIATE ASSURANCE THAT MFA WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSMAN ONCE HIS ITINERARY IS FIRM. IN BRIEF SOCIAL ENCOUNTER PREVIOUS DAY, HEAD OF MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT ZANTOVSKY HAD EXPRESSED TO DCM REAL INTEREST IN ARRANGING CALLS FOR REP. BINGHAM, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF LATTER'S CHAIRMANSHIP OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND COMMERCE. THUS, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT REP. BINGHAM WILL BE RECEIVED WITH GREAT INTEREST HERE AND WE THEREFORE INTEND TO PROPOSE TO MFA THAT FOLLOWING OFFICIALS OR THEIR DEPUTIES BE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE COULD USEFULLY MEET: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ING. BOHUSLAV GHNOUPEK; MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, ING. ANDREJ BARCAK (OR, IN MINISTER'S ABSENCE, DEPUTY MINISTER ING. JAROSLAV JAKUBEC); AND PRESIDENT OF

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CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LUDVIK CERNY.

2. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED MFA'S SUGGESTIONS RE PROGRAM
AND WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT FURTHER WHEN THESE HAVE
BEEN RECEIVED NEXT WEEK.

3. IF CONGRESSMAN DESIRES TO MEET WITH PRESS, EMBASSY
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF
HIS VIEWS ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA GOLD/CLAIMS SETTLEMENT
AND ON TITLE IV OF TRADE ACT OF 1974 IN GENERAL, FOR
OUR GUIDANCE IN ARRANGING SUITABLE FORMAT FOR PRESS
GUIDANCE, I.E., WHETHER IT SHOULD BE FORMAL OR INFORMAL,
WHETHER TO INVITE DOMESTIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL
PRESS CORPS, ETC.

4. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED IF REP. BINGHAM WOULD
ACCEPT HIS INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE DURING HIS
VISIT.

5. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE ROBERT W. FARRAND,
CHIEF, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION.
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